

BEFORE THE SOUTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

In the Matter of the Suspension or)	
)	CONSENT ORDER OF
Revocation of the Educator Certificate)	
)	VOLUNTARY SURRENDER
of Shandrika L. Burrison)	
)	
Certificate 207013)	

SUMMARY OF THE CASE

The South Carolina State Board of Education (State Board) considered this matter on February 8, 2006. On May 27, 2005, the South Carolina Department of Education (Department) sent Shandrika L. Burrison a notice of her right to a hearing before the State Board concerning the possible revocation of her South Carolina educator certificate 207013 by regular and certified mail, return receipt, restricted delivery. Ms. Burrison received the notice as evidenced by a postal receipt bearing her signature. Ms. Burrison requested a hearing, but subsequently agreed to withdraw her request for a hearing and to voluntarily surrender her certificate. After considering the evidence presented, the State Board voted to accept the voluntary surrender of Ms. Burrison's certificate.

Shandrika
L. Burrison

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FINDINGS OF FACT

Ms. Burrison holds an expired South Carolina interim teaching certificate. Ms. Burrison was in the alternative certification program (PACE) and employed in the Beaufort County School District during the 2001-02 school year. She was dismissed from the PACE program for failure to pass the required certification examination in mathematics. On March 2, 2005, Ms. Burrison faxed an Educational Testing Service (ETS) examination score report to the Department's Office of Educator Certification, which indicated that Ms. Burrison had received a passing score for the mathematics examination administered on April 19, 2003. Because the Department had not received an official score report directly from

ETS, the Department contacted ETS. ETS verified in writing that they had no record of Ms. Burrison having taken an examination on April 19, 2003.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

"The South Carolina Board of Education may, for just cause, either revoke or suspend the certificate of any person." S.C. Code Ann. § 59-25-150 (2004); 24 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-58 (1991). Just cause includes unprofessional conduct. S.C. Code Ann. §59-25-160 (2004). The State Board finds that there is substantial evidence to support its decision to accept the voluntary surrender of Ms. Burrison's certificate. At the end of three years from the date of this Order, Ms. Burrison may reapply for a South Carolina educator certificate by written request to the Office of Educator Certification of the Department, subject to meeting all current certification requirements.

South Carolina State Board of Education

/S/ Joe Isaac
Joe Isaac, Chair

Columbia, South Carolina
February 8, 2006

I, Shandrika L. Burrison, S.C. Educator Certificate 207013, do hereby agree to the proposed Consent Order of Voluntary Surrender, consisting of two pages, and understand that this Order will be presented as signed to the State Board of Education on February 8, 2006.

/S/ Shandrika L. Burrison
Shandrika L. Burrison

1/31/06
Date